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Women Defeat Men In Quiz Contest

QUIZ PROGRAM PLEASES LARGE AUDIENCE

An enjoyable quiz program was put on in Keiffer's hall by the Irma Social Credit Group last Tuesday evening. A team from the senior public school grades entered a geography quiz against a team from the high school. This was a fairly close contest with the high school winning, Miss Cecille Shaw holding the floor the longest. Miss Olive Jack was the last one of the public school team to take her seat.

Following this, captains were selected from among the audience to choose a men's and a ladies' team for a general quiz. Those on the teams were Mrs. B. Long, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Sather, Miss C. Shaw, Mrs. E. W. Carter and Miss Marjorie Webber; and Messrs. V. Hutchinson, Marvin Reitan, C. E. Fenton, S. Stead, A. K. Peterson and E. W. Carter. The ladies won this contest, Mrs. Sather and Miss Shaw still being on their feet when the last one of the opposing team had to take his seat.

Other items on the program were musical numbers by Sam Stead, Deloraine Stockton and Betty McLean, tap dancing by a class of public school boys and girls, and step dancing by Billie Milton. The program closed with the national anthem, after which a delicious lunch was served. Dancing was then enjoyed for a while before leaving for home.

V.V. WORKERS ACTIVE IN PAST YEAR

The Victory Volunteer Workers south of Irma, thought it would be approved by all that we let everyone see what they have done in the way of helping the Irma branch of the Red Cross during the past six months. Twelve meetings were held, nine comforters were made, eight shirts and four pairs of marmalade. The meetings were held in the various neighbors' homes, the afternoon spent in quilting or piecing a top for the next quilt, all enjoying a very pleasant afternoon. The marmalade was made one afternoon by three members, from fruit given by members, and the sugar taken from the funds. These were acquired by chicken supper put on by the members, bringing in \$41.40, also from a raffle of a cushion and clothespin bag, bringing \$7.00. After each meeting a collection was taken, this brought in around \$10.00.

Meetings were held every two

Red Cross Notes

We are making a special appeal to the farmers' wives to look up any fat or dripping, used or otherwise, that can be spared for the special salvage appeal. It does not matter how old or new it is as long as it can be melted and stored in jam pails. So let's all get together and see if we can ship a case of a hundred pounds from Irma. I'm sure we can if we try. If the Red Cross room is not open, E. W. Carter or R. L. Simmermon will gladly take care of it for you.

Another shipment of 6 large wool comforters, a good quantity of knitted goods and a box of clothing and supplies for refugees left the work room this week, so Irma is still carrying on in a very gratifying way. New and old knitters are joining the ranks right along, but there is always room for more assistance in the ranks of sewers and quilters. We have not had too many yet. Everyone is welcome. The soldiers are fighting for all of us. The civilians in England are holding the front lines, so there won't be a front line to hold in Canada. Do you feel you are really doing your part or are you waiting to be asked? Next year may be too late.

APPEAL FOR RUSSIA

The Irma branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society acknowledges with many thanks the following:

From the U.F.C. meeting of Dec. 1, 1941 \$ 5.14
From contributions taken by Steve Hylnka 22.00
From Irma branch Alberta Women's Institute 10.00
..... \$37.14

This amount has been forwarded to the Alberta division of the Canadian Red Cross Society at Calgary to be transferred into the national fund.

C. Wilbraham, Sec. Treas.
Irma Branch Red Cross.

VITAL STATISTICS 1941

Following are the vital statistics for Irma for the year 1941, supplied by Chas. Wilbraham, local registrar: Births, 30; Marriages, 8; Deaths, 5.

Weeks, the weather helping a great deal, being so mild for the last two months.

The members hope to be able to carry on doing this same work or whatever we can to help.

We wish to thank all very much who helped us in any way to do what we have for such a well spoken of organization, the VVWs.

Wedding Bells

CRABB-MILTON

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the United Church masonic on January 3rd, when Rev. E. Longmire performed the ceremony in which Mary Davis Milton, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Milton, became the bride of Frank George Crabb.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a rose crepe dress with navy blue accessories and carried a bouquet of roses. She was attended by her sister, Miss Jessie J. Milton. The bridegroom was attended by his brother, William H. Crabb.

Following the ceremony a wedding reception was held at the home of the bride's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Crabb will make their home in the Irma district.

Best wishes are extended by their many friends.

SANDERS-McNAUGHTON

St. Mary's Anglican church was the scene of a pretty wedding on New Year's day, when Wilfred Sanders and Jessie Marion McNaughton were united in marriage. The groom was supported by his brother, Edwin Sanders; Mrs. Edwin Sanders acted as matron of honor; Mr. Wm. Dootson gave the bride away, and Rev. Watts performed the ceremony.

Both bride and matron were becomingly attired, the former in

a beautiful deep blue velvet, with orange wreath and corsage bouquet. The latter was dressed in the new fashionable rose shade with white accessories.

After the ceremony a few relatives and friends repaired to the Sanders home east of town where a bountiful wedding breakfast was served, covers being laid for twenty-three.

Among the guests present were Mrs. Arnold and Mrs. McCarty, aunts of the bride, Edna Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dootson, all cousins, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Parke, Mrs. Barton, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Sanders, together with Mr. and Mrs. T. Sanders, Sr. and Rev. and Mrs. Watts.

Many and varied were the lovely and useful gifts and among the not-to-be-omitted attractive features of the feast was a tiered wedding cake made by the mother of the groom and very artistically iced by Miss Winifred Reeves.

The guests spent an enjoyable social afternoon remaining till the evening snow-fall. The bride and groom left the next morning for a honeymoon in Edmonton, after which they will return and reside in one of the three cottages erected on the home farm and recently so arranged as to form practically Sanders Avenue on the estate.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor, Irma Times:

Another year's endeavors for our local Red Cross organization have been brought to a close showing a wonderful measure of accomplishment and success. Those who are directly in touch with the work of our branch or have followed the Red Cross reports in our local paper will require no special reminders of this, and the fact that the work of our Irma branch has found such favorable mention in outside Canadian news speaks for itself.

A very great deal of the money and work for the year has been turned towards providing bedding and comforts for war victims in the bombed areas of the old land, these including quilts, heavy wool comforters, blankets and clothing, as well as many supplies for hospitals and large quantities of comforts for our soldiers, sailors and airmen, all of which has been reported from time to time.

As we look back upon these accomplishments of the past it is our desire to extend our appreciation and heartfelt thanks to all our Red Cross workers and friends for their splendid support throughout the year.

In facing the responsibility of the New Year, we cannot but feel that the need for all kinds of Red Cross supplies may be greatly intensified and trust that one and all will continue to give to this great ministry of compassion and service their whole-hearted sympathy and support.

Again on behalf of the Irma branch of the Canadian Red Cross we extend our sincerest appreciation and thanks.

E. LONGMIRE, President.

CHURCH NOTICES

ANGELICAN CHURCH
Regular afternoon service at 2:30 p.m., January 11th.

UNITED CHURCH
Sunday, January 11
Irma—Sunday school 11 a.m.
Public worship 7:30 p.m.
A hearty invitation is extended to all.

Owing to the condition of the roads the preaching of services at the country appointments has been discontinued.

A very fine service was held in the United Church New Year's morning. New Year's day had been proclaimed a day of prayer throughout the dominion.

SHARON LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sunday school and bible class at 10:30.
Divine service 2:30.

World's Week

By HAROLD L. WEIR

Associate Editor and Daily Columnist of the Edmonton Bulletin

Collaboration between the three great powers leading the world struggle against Hitlerism was significantly advanced in a series of conversations between British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Soviet Premier Josef V. Stalin and his foreign commissar Viacheslav M. Molotov, concluded in Moscow a few days ago.

Eden's visit to Russia, carried through under the cloak of the greatest secrecy, was a spectacular though logical complement to the Atlantic Conference of President Roosevelt and Winston Churchill last August, the three-power meetings held in Moscow.

Harold L. Weir last September and the more recent visit of Mr. Churchill to Washington and Ottawa.

There is every expectation that a similar exchange of views will take place ultimately between the Soviet Union and the United States. Behind it all is the Anglo-American hope that meetings like these will pave the way for ultimate agreement of views with the Soviet Union along the lines of the Roosevelt-Churchill meeting.

The principle results of the Eden-Stalin conversations were these:

1—Strengthening of military co-operation between Great Britain and the U.S.S.R.

2—Frank exchange of views on war aims with particular reference to the political and economic reshaping of Europe after the present war.

3—Complete clarification by Eden of Britain's war position.

No agreement was signed during the Moscow meetings. The Anglo-Soviet communiqué points out that the conversations, which occurred in a friendly atmosphere, "showed the identity of both parties on all questions relating to the conduct of the war and especially with regard to the necessity for the utter defeat of Hitlerite Germany and the adoption thereafter of measures to render completely impossible any repetition of German aggression in future."

Like a boxer tensed to take and give hard body blows without quarter, the Panama Canal stands ready for whatever may come.

In sandbagged watch stations overlooking America's most vital waterway and in far-flung listening posts and emplacements hidden by the natural camouflage of the tropics, observers peer toward the horizon day and night. Patrol planes scour vast areas of the Pacific and Caribbean, enabling the canal zone's nightly precaution blackout to be held off until evening. Pilots and paratroops, coast artillerymen, submarines, blujackets, infantrymen—everyone is ready and itching for action, reports say.

No one knows when, or if, the canal forces will see action but vigilance certainly will not relax regardless of that fact.

But work on the new locks, on the transcanal bridge, on the vast construction projects, goes on regardless of the ever-constant threat of attack. Skilled workmen from the States go down every week, some 500 of them, to fill the vacancies created by those unable to take the tropics or to fill the demand made by the apparently unending expansion.

It is safe to say that the Panama zone will not be taken by surprise.

The immense material losses suffered by the Germans in their retreat from Moscow are attributable to the rapidity of the Russian pursuit and the ability of the Red army to perform repeated outflanking manoeuvres against the retiring German columns despite

Kinsella Kernels

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Miss Isabel McKie of Edmonton spent Xmas Day with relatives here.

Mr. Ludwig Jackowick and Mr. Clifford Bowden of Edmonton spent the Christmas holidays with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Nease and Ronald motored to Edmonton for the holidays.

Mrs. D. Corbett spent Christmas and New Year's with her daughter Mrs. O. Ness of Edmonton.

Mr. Harold Fisher who is working for James Carriage at Turner Valley spent Christmas day with his family here.

The Kinsella Ladies Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. J. F. Murray Thursday, January 8th.

Pte. A. Miller, Pte. W. Long and Pte. R. Long of the Southern Alberta Regiment left for Debert, Nova Scotia on January 3rd, after two weeks holidays with friends and relatives here.

Mrs. W. Long, wife of Pte. W. Long, is visiting with her husband's parents.

Lyle Smart of the R.C.A.F. is home on New Year's leave. Lyle has been stationed at Brandon, Manitoba.

John Uniluiski of the R.C.A.F., stationed at Calgary, spent a few days of last week with his father and sisters.

Cpl. J. McKie of the S.A.R. stationed at Debert, Nova Scotia, is expected this week to visit friends and relatives here.

the harsh conditions of the Russian winter.

An announcement in the official Russian press puts the booty captured since Nov. 16 on the central front alone, at 2,113 tanks, 12,204 automobiles, 1,578 guns and thousands of trophies in other categories.

It is now obvious that the Russian counter-offensive was carefully prepared and organized for, when the tide of battle turned, Stalin and his generals had masses of fresh reserves ready to throw into the battle to maintain a steady and devastating pursuit.

The Germans relying almost entirely on mechanized transport, were obliged to cling to highways and roads. The heavy blanket of snow covering intervening fields and forests greatly restricted manoeuvrability.

This was a weakness which the resourceful Russian have exploited to the utmost. Besides their armored units, they have made considerable use of cavalry backed up by infantry and ski troops to make quick flank attacks against roads cluttered with German transport. The reserves of Russian cavalry in the Moscow region were larger than anybody had suspected and it is doubtful whether, in any case, the Germans had taken them seriously. Since winter broke, these mounted divisions have displayed an effectiveness far beyond expectation.

They had no oil to freeze, no engines to break down, and they could be manoeuvred through any kind of terrain and through the worst kind of weather conditions.

They have performed brilliant outflanking manoeuvres especially in the southern Moscow front where Russian horsemen have captured scores of villages.

The Germans are reaping the bitter fruits of over-confidence and miscalculation. They surely miscalculated the fighting qualities and numbers of the Russian reserves. And—to harp again on an old theme—they surely miscalculated the Russian winter. Quite apart from the ratio of armored strength of the two sides, the fighting in the last few weeks has demonstrated that the Russians are better fighters than for man under the severe conditions of the Russian winter than their adversaries.

And there is no doubt that they are better equipped to meet these conditions.

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This paper invites its readers to listen to the Saturday Night Review which is broadcast by Harold L. Weir every Saturday night at 9:15 over CFRN (1260kc.)

Grocery Specials for the week of Jan. 10 to 16

FISH	
RED SPRING SALMON, per pound	14c
WHITE FISH, per pound	11c
BLACK COD FISH, per pound	15c
LAKE SUPERIOR HERRINGS, per pound	08c
25 pound lots, per pound	07c
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BLENDED JAMS assorted, tin		53c
BLUE RIBBON TEA per pound		75c
COFFEE, our own grind per pound		35c
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WHEATLETS 10 pounds		49c
LOVE'S HONEY 4 lb. pail		65c
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ELEPHANT LAUNDRY 6 for	25c
QUICK ARROW and SUPER SUDS, pkg.	20c

The Hawaiian Islands

Extension of the war to the Pacific Ocean, and the recent attack on Pearl Harbor have brought the Hawaiian Islands into new prominence. Known heretofore largely as a pleasure land, and as a land between this continent, the Orient and our sister Dominions of Australia and New Zealand, this group of islands lies twenty-two hundred miles south of San Francisco, and extends eight hundred and ninety miles from Hong Kong. Known formerly as the Sandwich Islands, they were annexed in 1898 by the United States, and are now known as the Territory of Hawaii. Described by Hendrik Von Loon in his famous "Geography," as "those islands in the Pacific where people neither toiled nor spun, but lived just the same." They were discovered in 1542 by Gaetano, a Spanish explorer. In 1798 they were visited by Captain Cook, who was murdered by the natives there, when he was on his way home from one of his voyages.

Annexed by United States

Geographically they form the extreme northeastern group of Polynesia, and extend in a chain from southeast to northwest for four hundred miles. The entire area of the island is six thousand, four hundred and fifty square miles, and eight of the twelve islands are inhabited. They were governed by a succession of native rulers until January 1893, when a republic was organized, under the presidency of Sanford B. Dole. In 1898 the islands, at the wish of their new government, were annexed by the United States. In 1900 they were created a territory with Mr. Dole as governor. With good reason they are known widely for their charms as a holiday retreat, and their mild climate, wide beaches and natural beauties make them one of the most pleasant of the world's playgrounds. We are told that the thermometer seldom falls below 50 degrees or rises above 90, and that in the lowlands the average temperature is 78 in July and 70 in January. There are few hurricanes or thunderstorms and frost occurs only in the mountains, some of which are snow-capped throughout the year.

Volcanic Origin

The islands are of volcanic origin and were raised by eruptions from the sea. Coral reefs have added to their surface area and incidentally to the usefulness for defence purposes of many of their natural harbors. The climate and soil are suitable for the cultivation of a variety of plants. Sugar cane is produced in large quantities, and there is also a large import trade in pineapples and bananas, which are grown extensively. Several active volcanoes still exist in the mountains that ridge these islands. On the island of Hawaii, the largest of the group, the peaks of Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa rise to heights of nearly fourteen hundred feet, and Kilauea, situated on the side of Mauna Loa, is one of the most noted volcanoes of the world. The volcano on Maui, another island of the group, has the largest crater in the world. Honolulu, on the island of Oahu, is the largest city and is the capital of the territory. Pearl Harbor, situated a short distance north of Honolulu, has excellent natural port facilities, and its importance as a naval base has been emphasized in all disputes in the Pacific. The population of the islands includes Caucasians, Chinese, Japanese, native Hawaiians, and a large American colony. The territory has a representative in the Congress of the United States, and is governed by an elected senate or house of representatives. The chief executive is a governor appointed by the President of the United States. For a time these peaceful islands must play their part in the struggle to defend the principles of freedom, but the mountains that now look down on ships of war, and whose tops resound to the whirr of the wings of military airplanes, will again some day see the pleasure boats of free countries come and go, and airplanes on missions of peace will again use it as a link between continents.

Three-Cent Bonus

For Grade "A" Eggs Purchased For Export To Britain

A bonus to producers of three cents a dozen on all grade "A" eggs purchased for export to Britain under the present agreement with the British food ministry has been authorized by order-in-council, the agriculture department announced officially.

An additional bonus of one-half cent a dozen will be paid for old dipping such eggs, a process which helps retain quality and which now is specially requested by the ministry, the department added.

The department said payment of the bonus was for the purpose of encouraging Canadian egg producers to supply the maximum quantity of the best quality eggs for Britain during the next year.

Existing contracts with the British ministry call for the delivery of 772,000 cases of eggs before May 31 next. Recently the British ministry has requested that this quantity be increased and also that the greatest quantity possible be placed in storage in Canada for shipment in the fall of 1942. The bonus money provided under the order-in-council is sufficient to cover a total of 1,272,000 cases of eggs.

It is hoped that with the incentive the bonus provides that Canadian producers will so organize their poultry efforts that they will be able to provide the quantities of eggs Britain is asking for," said the department.

Waiter: "Would monsieur prefer French, Spanish or Italian cooking?"
Diner: "I don't care, so long as you bring me a soft-boiled egg."

The first white man to describe Niagara Falls was Father Hennepin, who accompanied La Salle to the Niagara frontier in 1678.

In one fortnight in summer Germany had 11 railway accidents.

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Less And Less Freedom

French Institutions Being Made To Conform To German Pattern

Step by step the Vichy government, which has more and more become Germany's instrument for holding down prostrate France without the risks involved in a full military occupation, is remodelling French institutions to conform with the Teutonic pattern. It is done by decree. The people are not consulted, have no voice in framing the system that is being imposed on them. The status of jurists is now being "modified" to permit political considerations to govern the disposition of cases brought before the courts. The number of jurors is to be reduced. They are to be chosen in such manner as to eliminate the independence which hitherto has characterized their verdicts. The verdicts are to be reached "in the presence of the court."

The principle of retroactivity—a weapon the Nazis have found extremely convenient in Germany—has already been admitted by decree into French law for military courts. It has even been extended for these courts to the order-in-council for the confiscation of possessions "present and to come." Government ministers and prefects may direct internment or confiscation without any process of law whatever in our sense of the term. Liberty, fraternity, equality have ceased for the moment to exist for Frenchmen in their native land.—New York Times

Will Retain Best Features

Celling Prices Likely To Continue After War Is Over

R. F. Chisholm, national administrator of wholesale trade, told newspapermen that in all probability the Wartime Prices and Trade Board will continue to operate after the war until such time as the fear of any collapse in the Canadian economic structure is passed.

Edgar G. Burton, national administrator of retail trade, supporting this view, declared in any event it was likely the best features of the plan would be retained permanently.

Replying to a question, Mr. Burton said representatives from Washington were holding discussions with the Canadian board and studying the situation here closely.

"There is no doubt the United States Government will have to do something along the lines similar to those adopted by Canada," he said.

England's Yeomen of the Guard was founded in 1485 by King Henry VII.

HEAD COLDS

Relief from Distress Comes this Way

Put 3-purposes V-a-tro-nol not up each nostril. It is a powerful solvent membrane. (2) Soothes irritation. (3) Helps flush out nasal passages, clearing sinuses.

VICKS V-A-TRO-NOL

Ends Globe Trotting

70-Year-Old Hobo Says His Tramping Days Are Over

A 70-year-old monacle-wearing hobo named Sandy J. Ledger, who has crossed the Atlantic 42 times and has held such jobs as circus peanut vender and typesetter for the Times of London, has announced his 56 years of globe tramping are over.

He is not a bum, but a hobo. A hobo, he said, is a rover who works—a bum is just a bum. Ledger declared he has always worked—in his time he has been a weaver in Massachusetts, a longshoreman in France, a bull puncher on a cattle boat, a compositor on the Times of London, The London Daily Mail, and the Paris edition of the New York Herald-Tribune.

"You can't go on wandering forever, not at my age," Ledger said as he remarked that he had decided to settle in Miami which he described as "one of the finest cities in the world."

Ledger, who is a printer by trade, claims the distinction of being the first North American printer to print a newspaper at sea.

Radioactivity Treatment

May Be Able To Cure Disease By Atom-Smashed Phosphorus

A possible cure for leukemia and other blood stream diseases by means of atom-smashed phosphorus has been suggested by a University of Pennsylvania scientist.

Dr. Eugene Pendergrass demonstrated the treatment before a university group with the aid of a Geiger counter, a device usually utilized only in counting cosmic rays. As he ran the counter over the body of a victim of leukemia, little clicking sounds were registered in the room. According to the scientist, those sounds meant that the device had detected white corpuscle concentrations and was combatting them with radioactivity.

Dr. Pendergrass explained that basis for the treatment, not yet ready for general use, was the breaking down of phosphorus by means of a cyclotron. When bombarded by atoms shot at a very high rate of speed, phosphorus gives off rays similar to radium.

SELECTED RECIPES

CREAMED TURKEY

2 tablespoons butter
2 cups milk
2 tablespoons flour
2 cups diced cold cooked turkey
Melt butter, add flour, blend well. Add heated milk and cook 10 minutes in a double boiler, stirring well. Add turkey. Heat thoroughly. Serve in dressings or potato baskets.

Dressing Rings

2 cups bread crumbs
Salt, pepper and savory
1 cup melted butter
1 egg
Mix in order given. Press into buttered small ring molds or one large ring. Bake 15 minutes at 275 degrees F. While hot fill with creamed turkey.

Potato Baskets

3 cups hot mashed potatoes
1 teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons butter (melted)
2 eggs
3 tablespoons milk
Beat eggs well. Add other ingredients and stir into potatoes. Shape into baskets. Brown in a hot oven. Fill with creamed turkey.

Has Fairly Large Equipment

Hore-Belisha Says Japan Can Carry On For Fifteen Months

Leslie Hore-Belisha, former Secretary for War, in a speech at London, said qualified observers believe Japan's stocks of all principal war-making commodities are large enough to support participation in major conflict for 15 months.

"A great part of the striking power of the world is still on the side of the Axis," he said, adding that natural resources now are overwhelmingly on the side of the Allies.

He declared that in the long run Japan must conquer sources of economic strength with her navy or "beid to death."

Reason For Refusal

Louis Agassiz, the famous Swiss zoologist, was once offered a handsome fee by the head of a Western university to deliver a series of lectures on natural history at that school. Agassiz, absorbed in his studies at Harvard, refused the offer. "An sorry," he said simply, "but I cannot afford to waste my time in making money."

The Individual Citizen's Army

A Weekly Column About This And That In The Canadian Army.

By Alan Maurice Irwin

It's easy enough to figure out for yourself why the Army applies the nickname, "Dusty" to Private Miller or Corporal Rhodes but it is a vastly different matter when you come to Sergeant Clark—or Colonel Clark—or even Lieutenant-General Clark for that matter. All "Clarks" in the Army are called "Nobby" or "Knobby," according to the erudition of the sponsor.

Don't ask me why. I don't know. Furthermore, I don't think even Rudyard Kipling knew.

All this looks beside the point. But it isn't. It plays a part in the explanation of the title of this column. You see the general idea of this weekly feature which will come to you from all sorts of places where Canadians are training to play their part as men, is to tell John Citizen all well, nearly all about the Canadian Army.

"What do you mean, all about the Army?" asked a Brass Hat with whom I discussed the column. Never mind the rest of the conversation—the answer is in the preceding sentence and that answer is: "What is a Brass Hat?"

A "Brass Hat," paradoxically enough, may not have any brass (gold braid or leaves) on his hat at all. Generally speaking, though, a Brass Hat is a senior officer on the staff. He may be recognized by coloured "gorget patches" on his lapels and a band of the same colour around his cap which varies according to the branch of the Staff to which he belongs.

One suggestion for a title offered was "Your Army." True enough it is your army and it's my army—and sometimes we don't realize our ownership and responsibility as much as we should. But one or two publishers thought that sounded too reminiscent of "My Day." So it followed several other suggestions into the discard.

Then, a few nights ago, together with a dozen and a half other shivering reporters and cameramen, the Adjutant-General, the Chief of the Air Staff, some Air Force Officers, and ground-crews who have to brave the weather regardless of rain and sleet, I watched a transport aircraft descend in the darkness at Ottawa. Out of the plane stepped Defence Minister Ralston, back from England. I remembered the legend that even on a 45-minute flight Colonel Ralston sits right down at a desk and works from start to finish of the trip. What he must have been working on this time would be, obviously, a speech to be made in the House of Commons, the opening of which he had misadvised, by the way, because of bad weather encountered on his crossing from England. Forgetting new columns and their vexatious titles I decided I would go to the "House" when, as the Press Gallery men put it, "Ralston is up" and listen to the kind of speech that is prepared on a plane.

I did. So I noticed, did a number of members who had been absent from the chamber until Col. Ralston started to speak. What he said covered new columns in the daily papers. That is what he said to you. But what he said to me was contained in one paragraph of Hansard—here is the quotation which followed a reference to the work of civilian recruiting committees. Their work, he said, would "bring to all our citizens a deeper appreciation of the fact that the army is the individual citizen's army, and not an outside organization of which they know nothing and care less."

There was the title—"The Individual Citizen's Army," and here, except for one more brief note, is your first column.

The brief note? Another paradox.

All "Browns" in the Army are nicknamed "Buster"—except, and this must prove the rule, Major-General B. W. Browne, D.S.O., M.C., Adjutant-General whose nickname is "Sam."

Always Standing By

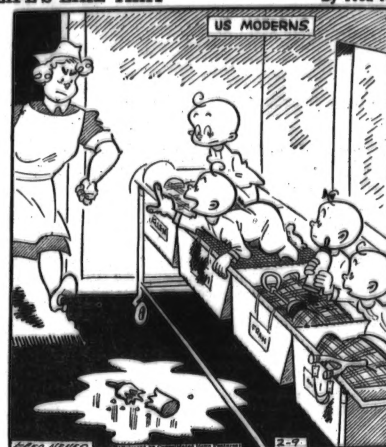
One of the ways in which munition workers are pepped up in the Motherland is instilled in the following dispatch from Glasgow:

"Give us the bombs and we will drop them," two bomber pilots told workers at a shell and bomb filling factory in northwest England. "We are always standing by on call and only too pleased to go."

The lungs of the average man contain about five quarts of air and you can estimate for yourself how much of it is hot.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By Fred Neher



Canada's Forest Area

Occupies About 35 Per Cent Of Country's Total Land Area

Canada's total forested area now exceeds 1,200,000 square miles and occupies 35 per cent of the country's land area, the Dominion Forest Service announced recently.

"About 450,000 square miles are not suitable for commercial operations," the report said, "but on 770,000 square miles the trees are enough for use now or can be expected to grow to usable size in future."

The service explained that because of Canada's great size, and the concentration of her population in the southern parts, large areas of forests of commercial quality are too far removed from centres of consumption to be economically operated.

The portion of productive forest now accessible totals about 430,000 square miles of which about 45 per cent is merchantable timber and 55 per cent is occupied by young growth.

Leave It To Headhunts

Japs Would Get Warm Reception In Interior Of Sarawak

The Rance of Sarawak, wife of Sir Charles Vyner Brooke who rules the country, says the oil wells at Miri, Sarawak, were blown up recently when Japanese invaders appeared to be after them.

The Rance, who was in New York, said:

"Everything the Japs want has been destroyed. They must need oil badly, because there is nothing else in Sarawak that they could use. To effect a landing they must have used suicide squads or parachute troops."

Saying it was virtually impossible to defend Miri except by sea, she added that should Japanese penetrate the interior, Sarawak's headhunters should handle them.

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LOCALS

Mrs. Wm. Jenkins visited at the home of his sister, Mrs. John Watson, during the holidays.

The Junior hockey club dance on New Year's Eve drew a fair crowd but not as large as usual.

The C.C.F. party will sponsor a military whistle drive in Hedley's hall on Saturday evening, Jan. 10.

Mrs. Ivan Archibald is visiting her mother in Ontario this winter.

Verna Martin of Edmonton visited friends in Irma during the holidays.

Mrs. A. H. Locke was brought home on Wednesday from Edmonton where she has been receiving medical treatment.

The next meeting of the Loyal Social Credit group will be held on Tuesday evening, January 13, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Knudson. Everybody welcome.

The Wednesday half holidays have started in Irma again. Please govern yourselves accordingly.

The Irma United church Sunday school scholars and parents enjoyed a lovely supper in the church basement on December 30th. A short program followed, to which several of the classes contributed, particularly the younger ones.

The regular meeting of the Irma Women's Missionary Society will be held on Thursday evening, January 15th, at the home of Mrs. Holt. Please take notice that the time of meeting has been changed from the afternoon to the evening. Friends of the church are always welcome.

Hockey Notes

The postponed hockey game between the Irma and Holden juniors was played in Irma last Monday evening with the result that Holden received the long end of the score, 7-2. Holden scored two goals early in the game and then Irma tied it up. From then on the Holden goalie stopped all shots coming his way while his teammates added five goals to their credit. The Irma team is planning to pay a return visit to Holden next Saturday evening.

The Irma Pee Wee hockey team met the Albert team again on Saturday, January 3rd, for the second time. This game was much closer than the previous one. The score stood one all for some time, Jack King getting credit for the Irma goal, when Ernie Carter got in close and bagged the winning goal.

MRS. W. J. JONES DIED IN CALIFORNIA, JANUARY 4th

(From the Viking News)

Evan Jones received the sad news that his mother, Mrs. W. J. Jones, passed away at Long Beach, California, on Sunday, January 4. She was a visitor here last September when she was taken ill and removed to the home of her son, S. W. Jones, at High River, later going to her home at Long Beach. She did not fully recover and passed peacefully away on January 4. The late Mrs. Jones was one of the early pioneer women of this district and took an active part in the social life of the community until removing to California about twenty years ago.

She is mourned by her husband and three sons, Evan of Viking, Stephen of High River, and Percy of Irma; two daughters, Anne and Nelle of California, and one sister.

Powdered or confectioner's sugar that has become lumpy should be pressed out through a fine meshed sieve or rolled with a rolling pin.

Glycerine will remove tea and coffee stains from table linen. Rub spots with glycerine and let stand a few minutes, then wash linen in the usual way.

To remove mustard stains from table linen, bolstained part in a quart of water to which one teaspoon of washing soda has been added.

Never roll pie crust immediately after removing it from the refrigerator. Take it out of the refrigerator about an hour before using and you will have a better crust.

BATTLE RIVER M. D. No. 423 NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BATTLE RIVER, No. 423

Whereas under the provisions of Section 26 of the Tax Recovery Act, 1938, the following parcels of land may be leased from the Municipal District of Battle River, No. 423, for a term of one or three years as the case may be. Applications will be considered at every regular meeting of the council at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon until disposed of.

N 1/4 SW	3	45	7	4	NE	2	44	9	4
NW	5	45	7	4	NW	2	44	9	4
SE	5	45	7	4	SE	2	44	9	4
SW	5	45	7	4	SW	2	44	9	4
SE	6	45	7	4	NE	28	45	8	4
SW	12	45	7	4	SE	28	45	8	4
(1 acre)					SW	28	45	8	4
SW	25	45	7	4	NW	28	45	8	4
NE	27	45	7	4					

Redemption may be effected by payment of all arrears of taxes and costs at any time prior to lease.

Chas. Wilbraham, Secretary-Treasurer.

Bids will be received by the council of the Municipal District of Battle River No. 423 in a public sale manner for the purchase of the following lands:

NE	27	45	7	4	NW	18	44	7	4
NE	2	44	9	4	SE	18	44	7	4
NW	2	44	9	4	NE	18	44	7	4
SE	2	44	9	4	NW	18	44	7	4
NE	28	45	8	4	SE	18	44	7	4
SE	28	45	8	4	NE	18	44	7	4
SW	28	45	8	4	SE	18	44	7	4
N 1/4 NW	28	45	8	4	SW	18	44	7	4
S 1/4 NW	28	45	8	4	NE	9	44	9	4
SE	5	44	9	4	SE	6	45	7	4
NW	6	44	9	4	N 1/4	10	46	7	4
NW	7	44	9	4	SW	22	46	7	4
					NW	26	45	7	4

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